ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Tuskegee Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

UNION GROVE CHURCH,

October 13th to 15th, 1896.

ELD. Z. D. ROBY	MODERATOR	Opelika, Ala.
C. W. ASHCRAFT	CLERK	Opelika, Ala.
E. BREWER	TREASURER	Opelika, Ala.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Eld. G. S. ANDERSON	Auburn, Ala.
" G. E. BREWER	Opelika, Ala.
" C. W. BUCK	Salem, Ala.
" JNO. J. CLOUD	Auburn, Ala.
" J. B. CLEMENTS	Alliance, Ala.
" W. G. GREGORY	Gold Dust, Ala.
" S. B. GRIMES	Notasulga, Ala.
" SYDNEY J. CATTS	Tuskegee, Ala.
" C. W. HARE	Tuskegee, Ala.
" F. T. HUDSON	Auburn, Ala.
" Z. D. ROBY	Opelika, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. E. Hudmon, Sydney J. Catts, J. M. Love,
F. E. Haynie, John J. Cloud. J. C. Condon.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening services.
2. Read the Letters from the Churches and enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to seats with us.
4. Organize by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Documents and State of Religion, Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, Deceased Ministers, State Missions and Colportage, and Orphans' Home.
8. Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear report of Executive Committee.
11. Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear Reports from the several Committees appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

☞Next Session convenes with the Loachapoka Church, Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1897.

MINUTES.

UNION GROVE CHURCH, NEAR CHEWACLA, ALA., Oct. 13, 1896.

The Fifty-First Annual Session of the Tuskegee Baptist Association convened with the UNION GROVE Baptist church, near Chewacla, Thesday October 13, 1896.

After several songs and prayers by brethren, the pastor of the church, Dr. J. R. Stodghill, delivered a short address of welcome and introduced Rev. W. G. Gregory who was at the last session appointed to preach the introductory sermon. He read from Luke xii. 1-12: 21-37, and taking as his text the 32d. verse, preached a very able sermon urging our duty to give careful attention to the financial interests of our churches.

After the sermon the moderator, Rev. G. A. Hornady, announced the meeting adjourned till 1:30 o'clock P. M.

An abundant dinner was served at the church, and at 1:30 P. M. the body re-assembled.

Brethren Stodghill and Wallace were appointed to collect the letters, and Brethren Stodghill and Hardy read them. Letters read showed following delegates were named by the churches:

Liberty—J. M. Tillery, W. R. W. Key, T. N. Johnson; alternates, Penn Scott, C. B. Sanders.

Concord (*Lee County*)—Z. D. Pool and J. A. Peach.

La Place (*Macon County*)—E. M. Swearengen, R. G. Williams.

Union Grove—H. S. Jarrell, C. H. Foard, A. M. Blalock.

Elam (*Lee County*)—G. A. Huguley, P. L. Zellars, L. L. May.

Loachapoka—T. J. Carlise, F. E. Haynie, F. W. Rea, J. L. Wise.

Rocky Mount—J. D. Massey, Lea Howard, S. J. Ford.

Salem (*Tallapoosa County*)—J. S. Bryant, D. E. Burks, W. A. Jackson; alternates, W. R. Owsley, W. B. Lowe.

Opelika—Dr. Z. D. Roby, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, R. T. Ayers, W. E. Hudmon, E. Brewer, J. C. Condon, J. T. Frederick, W. E. Smith.

Auburn—J. L. Binford, Wm. Longshore, J. M. Little, W. B. Frazer, T. H. Winston.

Shiloh—S. C. Williams, W. M. Jenkins, W. E. Jackson, J. T. Wade, John Parish.

Pleasant Grove—B. F. Striplin, Reuben Lawson, Benj. Meadows; alternates, G. W. Meadows, E. Gullatte.

Notasulga—J. D. Barrow, A. M. Cameron, W. T. Duke, James Lowe, Robert Linsey.

Concord (*Macon County*)—T. A. McKee, R. E. Carmack.

Salem (*Lee County*)—E. W. Solomons, W. M. Adams, J. M. Love, M. W. Whitman, S. W. Whitman.

Pleasant Hill—R. M. Youngblood, D. J. Clements, J. W. Yarbrough.

Society Hill—J. A. Richardson, A. H. Rutherford.

Elam (*Tallapoosa County*)—Rev. W. G. Gregory, B. S. Parker, M. E. Parker, J. W. Gregory.

Tuskegee—C. W. Hare.

Cubahatchie—J. C. Pinkston, W. H. Simmons, F. M. Letcher; alternates, C. A. Tuttle, E. S. McWhorter.

Providence—C. A. Killian.

County Line—W. R. Adams, E. N. Lockhart, S. Adams.

Delegates having been enrolled, following officers were elected by ballot: Moderator, Rev. Dr. Z. D. Roby; Clerk, C. W. Ashcraft; Treasurer, E. Brewer.

Correspondents were called for and the following responded:

Montgomery Association—J. G. Harris.

East Liberty Association—Rev. G. A. Hornady, Rev. C. J. Burden, Rev. J. R. Stodghill, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, D.D., W. T. Foster, Rev. Hugh Wallace.

Harris Association—Rev. G. D. Benton.

Cahaba Association—Rev. A. R. Hardy, employed by the State Mission Board to travel in the interest of the Greensboro church.

Representatives were appointed to the following bodies:

Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. Z. D. Roby, D.D.; C. W. Ashcraft, alternate.

State Convention—Dr. C. W. Buck, Dr. Z. D. Roby, Dr. G. S. Anderson, C. W. Ashcraft, Dr. P. H. Mell, M. W. Whitman, Rev. W. G. Gregory.

On motion of Bro. Geo. E. Brewer, any brother, member of this association, being present at a sister association is entitled to report himself a correspondent from this body to them.

The moderator announced as devotional committee, the pastor and delegates of Union Grove church.

Report of Executive Committee was called, and read by Chairman W. E. Hudmon, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following: At a meeting held in Opelika, on the 20th day of January, 1896, we agreed to employ Rev. F. T. Hudson as colporter evangelist for six months, commencing April 1st, at thirty dollars per month, with the privilege of serving two churches as pastor in the bounds of this Association, and to have all profits from the sale of books.

The service has been performed by Bro. Hudson at a total cost of	$180.00
We have paid by drafts on Bro. E. Brewer, Treasurer	131.73
Balance now due	$ 48.27

We recommend that from the funds sent up by the churches for Association Missions, that the above balance be first paid.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. HUDMON, Chm. Ex. Com.

In this connection Bro. F. T. Hudson read his report as a part of report of Executive Committee, as follows:

COLPORTER WORK IN THE TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION FROM MARCH 26, TO OCTOBER 13, 1896.

Number of books sold		344
Value of books sold		$255.80
Number of books yet to be delivered		86
Value of books to be delivered		$151.50
Total value of books sold and to be delivered		$401.80
Total number of books sold and engaged		430
Received by baptism	20	
Received by letter	11	
Received by restoration	6	
Total number received	37	
Collected for missions		$ 24.63
Collected for benevolence		10.75
Collected for benevolence 200 bundles fodder		4.00
Collected for benevolence 12 bushels of corn		6.00
Total collections		$ 45.38

Distributed a lot of Alabama Baptists and State Mission Quarterlies; also many pages of tracts.

Number of books given to destitute		11
Value of books given		$ 2.65
Sermons delivered	73	
Sunday School addresses	18	
Sunday Schools organized	2	
Number of days traveled	190	
Number of miles traveled, about	2,080	
Number of families visited, about	2,000	
Prayer meetings held	23	

Respectfully submitted, F. T. HUDSON,

Colporter and Evangelist of the Tuskegee Baptist Association.

Bro. Hudson spoke to the report favoring a continuance of the colportage work as inaugurated by the Executive Committee. Bro. G. S. Anderson spoke also at this time on extending the mission

work and establishing new churches. He stated also his purpose to present to the association his special institute work.

Brethren Brewer and Harris spoke briefly and the reports were adopted.

Dr. Buck suggested that he was to write a temperance report but had heard nothing in the letters concerning temperance.

Devotional Committee announced that Rev. G. D. Benton would preach to-night.

After announcements, meeting adjourned to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Dr. Lloyd pronounced the benediction.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14, 1896.

After devotional exercises, the Executive Committee for ensuing year was elected; the following brethren being members: W. E. Hudmon, Sydney J. Catts, J. M. Love, F. E. Haynie, Jno. J. Cloud, J. C. Condon.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees to prepare reports for the next session, with the request that if the members of the Committees cannot be present at the next session they will at least prepare the report and send it up:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION—T. J. Carlisle, A. H. Rutherford, E. M. Swearengen, James Simms.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—G. S. Anderson, W. R. Adams, F. E. Haynie, T. E. Stringer.

STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE—Geo. E. Brewer, J. M. Love, J. L. Wise, J. M. Tillery.

TEMPERANCE—C. W. Hair, B. F. Stribling, W. J. Yarbrough, Smith Jarrell.

DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION—T. R. Grimes, Wm. M. Adams, E. A. Christian, J. C. Condon.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. J. Cloud, E. Brewer, Mike Whitman, W. B. Frazier.

ORPHANS' HOME—W. G. Gregory, M. E. Parker, S. W. Whitman, W. E. Smith.

Brethren W. G. Gregory and F. T. Hudson were added to the devotional committee.

Rev. Geo. E. Brewer was appointed to prepare the report on missions (State and Colportage) in the absence of the chairman of the committee, Rev. J. J. Cloud.

In the absence of Bro. A. H. Rutherford, chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools, Bro. W. E. Smith, another member of the committee, was requested to make the report.

Reports on Missions were read as follows:

HOME AND FOREIGN.

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions beg leave to report the following:

We find from the last reports that a little less than 12 cents per member was contributed to the foreign mission work. We also find that six of our churches contributed nothing. This should not be, for the Master said "Go teach all nations," and as this is the only practical way in which we can obey this last and greatest command to the church, we feel that each church and each member should, though their contributions be small, give something.

Again we learn from the Secretary that the work stands in great need of renewed effort upon the part of all. Since in this time of financial disturbance and oppression the banks cannot be relied on for present help, it remains a stubborn fact that the work will suffer unless the churches shall in concert of action keep the treasury supplied. God's word for it, His blessings upon it, His love in it, our only reason.

Our home mission work includes the very important fields of Cuba upon which the Lord has poured out His blessings since the work began, the frontier work, also among foreign population in large cities throughout the Southern States. The Board is also co-operating with the various State boards and with the colored people.

We find that we are as an Association doing very little for this work, less than 6 cents per member contributed last year.

Respectfully submitted, W. G. GREGORY.

STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

Our Board of State Missions has now in its employment two evangelists and and its secretary. The board is doing some missionary-pastoral work, at different points in the State. In several Associations Colporter-Evangelists are employed.

Our Board of State Missions, in connection with our Home Mission Board, and with the Home Mission Society of New York, and with the State Mission Board of the Negro Baptist State Convention or Alabama, is doing Institute work for the negroes in our State. Our Board of State Missions puts into this work $500 this year. Our Board proposes to do Institute work also with our white preachers. So far, this work is not much more than begun. Six Institutes have been held so far, during this year. Rev. G. S. Anderson gives his time, his talent and his money to this great work, in order to help our hard working preachers on their fields to be more efficient ministers of the glorious gospel of the blessed God. Money for this department of State Missions, must be so designated when sent to the secretary of our board. We hope a sufficient amount of money may be given for this purpose, to employ the full time of Bro. Anderson.

The Board of State Missions has at present the duty of raising six thousand dollars to repay that amount due the Greensboro church from the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Your committee urge our churches to speedily raise their proportion. The Board is also charged with the duties formerly belonging to the Board of Ministerial Education.

In addition to the above, our Board of State Missions is the agency

through which our contributions for both Home and Foreign Missions are collected. Upon the whole, we find this board charged with much work and vast responsibility, while the means given it are meagre. Not at all in proportion to the important work demanded.

In our own Association we have done evangelistic and colporter work through our Brother F. T. Hudson, whose report you heard yesterday. He has served well and faithfully, and the Lord's blessings have attended his labors. Respectfully submitted, GEO. E. BREWER,
J. L. HOWARD.

At this point Bro. Hardyn was, by unanimous consent, heard in reference to the Greensboro church. After a full explanation of the claim of Greensboro church on the Baptists of the State a call was made for pledges, and the following were made:

Auburn	$ 10.00
County Line	5.00
Cubahatchie	10.00
Elam (Tallapoosa county)	10.00
Liberty	10.00
Notasulga	10.00
Opelika	15.00
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Salem (Macon county)	5.00
Tuskegee	40.00
Union Grove	5.00
Loachapoka	5.00
Total	$130.00

Discussion was resumed on missions and Brethren Hornady and Buck addressed the body.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Dr. G. S. Anderson took the stand to preach the missionary sermon. His text was from Dan. 7:42, and his subject was the "Distruction of Monarchy." His sermon was a very able effort and much enjoyed by the large congregation. At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken for missions which amounted to $6.96.

An abundant dinner was again served at the church and after a recess of an hour and a half, the body re-assembled.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion of missions was resumed. Brethren Brewer, Gregory, Anderson, Hare, Lloyd, E. Brewer, Hudmon, Stodghill, Whatley and Hudson all made interesting speeches on the report and on missions generally. Brother Anderson in his speech presented his own work of Institutes and the correspondence course and several other speeches made very favorable comment on Bro. Anderson's work.

The report was then adopted.

The devotional committee announced that Rev. Geo. E. Brewer

would preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow and the meeting adjourned, Rev. W. R. Whatley pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 1896.

The association was called to order by the Moderator and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. T. Hudson.

The report on Sunday Schools was read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following:

The day, we trust, has passed when it is necessary to defend Sunday schools and urge their importance and usefulness. There was a time when Baptist churches regarded this Christian work as an encroachment upon the churches. This opposition no longer attains among intelligent, progressive Christians.

We cannot understand why it is that members of all Baptist churches do not attend Sunday school. Here they can study the Bible in concert, and, at the same time, train the little ones in the truth. It is a great work and ought to be under the management of the churches, and members in good standing and competent to teach ought to constitute the officers. We recommend that some steps be taken by this Association to secure the organization of Sunday schools in the churches of this body that report none in their letters. We find there are eight churches belonging to this Association that report no Sunday school. Out of the twenty churches represented only twelve have organized Sunday schools, with a membership of 650. The number of church members reported aggregate 1250.

One notable fact may be here mentioned, every church that has a working Sunday school reports a fine spiritual condition and is moving up on all the enterprises fostered by the denomination.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. SMITH, Chairman.

Brethren Brewer, Anderson, Roby, Gregory and Whatley spoke on a recommendation contained in the report for a Sunday school convention. That clause in the report was, on motion of Bro. Brewer, stricken out.

Brethren Henderson, Brewer and Foster spoke on the report as amended and it was adopted.

Report on Temperance was presented by Dr. C. W. Buck.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The object in writing a report on Temperance should be, not so much to declare the good or evils of intemperance as to set forth the condition of the churches and their influence in the several communities surround-

ing them against this great evil. Temperance means a proper restraint in everything affecting our physical and spiritual condition.

We are to temperate our desires, appetites, passions and tongues according to the commands and pattern of our Master. Seeking to so live that our words and actions shall reflect the light of the spirit of Christ that is born in us.

Everything that is in violation of the highest type of virtue, honesty, truth and justice is intemperate, whether affecting ourselves or others.

That there is no agency in our reach so effective in degrading, bestializing and destroying the noble and beautiful in man, whether it be mentally, physically or spiritually, as the common use of alcoholic stimulants as a drink is so generally admitted that when we speak of intemperance we understand that it is the free use of strong drink and its terrible consequences that reference is made.

It is the gate-way to that "broad road that leads to death."

It is the father to almost every other sin and curse; theft, murder, lasciviousness and debauchery.

The purpose of these "reports" is to learn from the churches what is the status of each as regards this sin.

Have your members, male and female, such proper regard for the honor and success of God's cause and the welfare of their fellow-man as to withhold themselves from the improper use of stimulants and to strive with all honesty to restrain others.

Has your church such a high standard of temperance influence as to cause the intemperate to stand ashame in their presence?

We are glad to report that from what we learn through the delegates that, while there may be, here and there, one, who still yields him or herself captive to this great sin, a higher standard has been built up and a cleaner life demanded. No man is considered worthy of being called a true freeman through Christ, who yields himself a slave to the monster alcohol in any of its forms.

The fight is on. Satan finds no stronger weapon to use against the church of God and his children than strong drink.

It maddens the heart and brain—nerves the hand of the assassin and fire-bug. It nerves the passions to hatred and brutality. It opens the door to lasciviousness and debauchery. It robs purity of its mantle and shield, and strikes down every barrier to crime.

The time has come, in view of our great danger, for every minister to cry the alarm with no uncertain sound and every child of God to set himself firmly against every encroachment of this enemy.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. Buck, Chairman.

After a speech by Bro. Buck the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on Documents and State Religion beg to report as follows:

Having hastily examined the letters sent up by the different churches we conclude that the spiritual condition of some of the churches is not such as should satisfy the membership. Nothing is said in some of the letters of the spiritual condition of the church at all; one or more is simply at peace. We are constrained to believe that little progress has been made in the Master's cause during the past associational year.

We find from the letters that the total increase of membership of the churches of the Association, as reported:

By experience, letter, etc.	146.
Number dismissed from all causes	93.
Total increase for the year	53.
Number of Sunday schools	11.
Number of churches that have prayer meetings regularly and occasionally	8.
Number of Sunday school scholars enrolled	675.
Average attendance	288.

We would urge the delegates to use their best efforts, on their return to their churches, to increase the interest in every department of church work.

We believe that great good has been accomplished by the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Association.

The Loachapoka church asks for the next session of the Association to meet with them and we so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CONDON,
W. E. JACKSON,
T. C. ADAMS,
Committee.

Brethren Condon and Love spoke to the report and it was adopted.

By motion of Bro. Gregory preaching at the hour of 11 o'clock was dispensed with and the report on Orphans' Home was read.

ORPHANS' HOME REPORT.

Since the Home was established in Evergreen, three years ago, 60 little children have been cared for there. 26 of the 60 have had permanent homes provided for them in good families, having 34 now in the Orphans' Home. Your committee would congratulate the Baptists of Alabama that they now own, free from debt, a splendidly located, beautiful and exceedingly valuable orphanage property—property of which all of us may well feel proud and for which we should be sincerely thankful. The 80 acres of land on which the Home is located furnishes a forest of 30 acres, a farm of 30 acres and a pasture of 20 acres. The pasture helps to supply the Home with milk and butter, the forest supplies fuel and the farm affords both work and food for the children.

Rev. Jno. W. Stewart, the Financial Secretary, is now pleading for money, with which to make some very much needed and highly important

improvements. Among the most urgently needed, he mentions a dining room and kitchen, a laundry room, a sick room and four bed rooms. With the material already on hand he thinks $1200 will enable him to do this building. Add to this $200 per month for current expense and we see that theHome ought to have, between now and first of January next, $1800. In addition to this, a debt of $400, incurred in order to feed the children, isto be provided for. In order to put this institution in the condition and position it so richly deserves, the Baptists of the State should, just as soon as possible, give to it $2000 or $2500. Let the Tuske gee Associationtake the lead in this good work and do well her part.

Respectfully submitted, Z. D. Roby, Chairman.

After a short speech by Dr. Roby the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee begs to submit the following roport:

Education is now a vital and growing question throughout the world. In no period of history has there been such appreciation and enthusiasm in real progress and universal diffusion of knowledge as now. New schools, special branches and enlarged curriculums are the order of the day. To its spirit we heartily respond. Within our bounds we are brought into immediate touch with the following institutions of learning:

1. The Common School. In this we have the poor man's friend, a prime means in the uplift of our people. Though defective in many respects improvements are being constantly made and we should give it our patronage and moral support.

2. The A. & M College. In this we have a school supported in the main by the general government at a cost of $50,000 or $60,000 per annum. It is now open to male and female, and numbers more than 300 students. While necessarily non-sectarian, yet, in its present organization, it savors strongly of that spirit. Of the twenty professors comprising its faculty only three are Baptists, who draw $6,000 of the $30,000 paid to professorships. (These are approximate figures.) While Baptists embrace nearly halt the population of the State we are thus discriminated against and miminized in the position of respect accorded us. Our denominational representations should be as numerous and equal to the strongest supplied by others in this school. Less than this will be an exhibit of sectarianism which will be an injustice to us and to the people at large. In this school we have annually a large number of Baptist boys and to be indifferent to these influences will be to prove recreant to a solemn trust. We are persuaded if proper demands were made equitable results would be achieved, as we are impressed with the impartial bearing of the excellent gentleman who stands at the head of this institution.

3. Sectional Pedobaptist Schools. To these we owe our good will when they foster the cherished spirit of our common civilization. A fundamental principle of our common law is that no sectarian school

shall receive appropriation from the State. We learn that this law is being violated, either directly or indirectly, by one of these schools. Against this our unyielding opposition should be urged, and we would suggest that a committee be appointed by this body to investigate and act accordingly.

4. The State Colored School at Tuskegee. This school is presided over by the most distinguished negro of the South. It numbers 900 students and expends annually about $75,000 in meeting current expenses. Its peculiarity is that of an industrial school in which is inaugurated and successfully prosecuted every phase of Southern industry. It furnishes the ideal school in that it unites the lecture-room and the work-shop, blending theory and practice, and thus bridging the chasm between higher learning and practical industrial skill. The special fact that should incite us is its superiority over any other school in the State. It stands in the conspicuous lead of our civilization. While we admire the enterprise of our brethren in black we can but lament our supineness which surrenders their lead to an inferior race.

5. Baptist Schools—Howard College and Judson Institute. The Howard has made an encouraging Fall opening. Prof. A. D. Smith has become its president. The debt of about $40,000, it is hoped, will be reduced after November to $20,000 and the institution thereby delivered from present danger of being lost to the denomination. This school meets a special denominational necessity in the education of our young ministry, of which more than 20 are in attendance.

The Judson has recently sustained a great loss in the death of its honored president, Dr. S. W. Averett. Its affairs, however, are successfully administered by the Marion pastor, who has been invited to occupy his place. This school stands in the fore-front of Southern colleges and is annually sending forth from its classic hall the best merits of superior training to adorn the social circle and bless the race in all the walks of life.

The Seminary is the only Baptist Theological school in the South and supplies facilities for Biblical instruction to the ministry who may attend. To these may be added the Institute work, now being prosecuted as a special department of State work. During the year six Institutes have been held on the field, attended by 104 ministers, also 16 students were taught by correspondence. The special purpose of this work is to reach the ministry on the field and give to them helpful training while yet in the prosecution of regular work. Not less than half our preachers enter the ministry after they are settled in their life vocation and are thus barred the privileges of the schools, hence the imperative necessity of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. Anderson, Chairman.

Brethren Anderson, Ayers, Brewer and Hudmon discussed the report and it was adopted.

Dr. G. S. Anderson, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer and Rev. F. T. Hudson were appointed a committee to investigate and report on the Notasulga school, as contemplated in the report on education.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

While there have been several of our most faithful co workers among the deacons and lay membership who have fallen on sleep and rest from their labors. We rejoice to report that there has been no death among the ministry of the Association. Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BUCK, Chairman.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Fifth Sunday in November, with Notasulga Church.
Fifth Sunday in January, with Rocky Mount Church.
Fifth Sunday in May, with Opelika Church.
Fifth Sunday in August, with Cubahatchee Church.

TO PREACH NEXT SESSION.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Rev. R. T. Ayers.
THE MISSIONARY SERMON—Rev. Geo. E. Brewer.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

By Dr. Love—

RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and condolence to Bro. A M. Blalock and family in the death, this morning, of his estimable moth er, Mrs. Glen Whitman.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

By Dr. Buck—

RESOLVED, That the Association and visitors tender to the pastor and members of the church at Union Grove our hearty thanks, and also to the citizens of the community for their liberal hospitality and care of the Association and visitors during the meeting.

The vote was taken standing.

RESOLUTION.

By Dr. Anderson—

RESOLVED, That the Association embrace and continue its session three days, and that only the names of delegates remaining to the close be recorded in the minutes.

The Treasurer made his report, adopted as follows:

TO THE TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following as his report:

To amt. on hand last report				$333 42
" from Pleasant Grove Church,		Association Work		3 48
" " Shiloh Church,		"	"	1 00
" " Liberty Church,		"	"	2 27
" " Liberty Church,		State Missions		1 00
" " Union Grove Church,		Association Work		92
" " Rocky Mount Church,		"	"	2 25
" " Salem Church, Lee couny,		"	"	7 18
" " County Line Church,		"	"	1 10
" " Opelika Baptist Church,		"	"	51 00
" " Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson,		"	"	40
" " Salem Church, Macon Co,		"	"	3 05
" " Pleasant Hill Church,		"	"	10 78
" " Liberty Church,		"	"	2 16
Total				$420 01
By amt. paid C. W. Buck, for Minutes			$ 34 70	
" " J. R. Stodghill			80 00	
" " F. T. Hudson			46 79	
" " W. B. Crumpton			70 45	
" " G. S. Anderson			34 12	
" " Jno. W. Stewart			20 15	
" " Hugh Wallace			2 54	
" " F. T. Hudson			131 73	— 420 48
To balance on hand				$ 6 41

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over the Minute Funds to the Clerk, and the Clerk be requested to have printed and distribute a sufficient number of the minutes to the churches, pro rata, with the funds sent up.

The business of the Association having been completed, a motion to adjourn was made and carried.

The Moderator called on Rev. Geo. E. Brewer to offer the closing prayer. As he did so, he made a very feeling reference to Brother Brewer's long membership in the Association, and said that it was highly appropriate that Brother Brewer should offer this prayer.

Brother Brewer's prayer was a very appropriate and earnest one, and with it, the meeting stood adjourned.

Before dispersing the good people of Union Grove church and community served another very bountiful dinner.

After the dinner hour the congregation reassembled and Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, by special request of the body, delivered a very able sermon, which was much enjoyed.

FINANCIAL TABLE OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	Minutes	MISSIONS																		
		Home	Foreign	State	Bible and Colportage	Indigent Ministers	Ministerial Education	Orphans' Home	Associational Purposes	Howard College	Judson Institute	American Baptist Publication Society	Anderson Course	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Church Building	Local Benevolence	Pastor's Salary	Current Expenses	Church Buildings and Repairs	Value of Church Buildings and Property
1. Auburn	3 00	83 18	16 00	31 00	.....	.....	5 00	16 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....
2. Concord, Lee Co	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	50	1 50	2 21	68	50	.. ..	61	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	350 00
3. Concord, Macon Co	1 00	2 50	3 35	.....	3 05	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00
4. County Line	1 40	.....	1 13	.....	.....	.....	5 00	75	3 10	1 50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	500 00	500 00
5. Cubahatchee	1 50	..	2 53	7 21	.....	.....	.....	41 11	11 03	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....	800 00
6. Elam, Macon Co	1 50	4 20	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	11 10	300 00
7. Elam, Tallapoosa Co.	2 00	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	72 77	.....
8. LaPlace	1 00	....	5 22	.....	2 55	.....	.....	1 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 55	.....	.....	.....	69 88	.....	250 00	800 00
9. Liberty	1 50	90	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	4 43	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....
10. Loachapoka	1 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	4 00	4 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	1000 00
11. Notasulga	3 00	.....	12 66	1 65	.....	.....	1 82	19 01	3 00	8 50	....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	18 90	500 00
12. Opelika	5 00	.....	60 00	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	65 52	70 00	.....	...	20 42	10 00	.....	.....	2 50	1000 00	502 70	.....	14000 00
13. Pleasant Grove	2 00	.....	.....	2 70	.....	.....	.....	3 45	5 99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	.....	22 25	.....	300 00
14. Pleasant Hill	1 00	.....	2 50	80	....	.....	.....	3 90	10 78	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00	300 00
15. Providence	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. Rocky Mount	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 10	2 15	....	. .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
17. Salem, Lee Co	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 25	43 14	1200 00
18. Salem, Macon Co	1 60	.....	3 35	.....	3 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 25	.....	300 00	500 00
19. Shiloh	2 00	.....	.....	2 33	...	.....	.....	....	6 65	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	25 00	300 00
20. Society Hill	1 00	3 00	.....	3 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 00
21. Tuskegee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22. Union Grove	1 30	85	.....	85	....	.....	.....	.....	6 48	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 500 00	.....	44 23	500 00
Total	$35 80	$96 63	$145 87	$64 19	$9 15	$1 50	$24 82	$185 22	$139 02	$13 83	50	$23 42	$28 16	$10 00	$2 50	$62 00	$2509 13	$548 20	$1385 14	$22450 00

STATISTICS OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTY	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	Ordained Ministers	Increase			Decrease			Present Membership	Day of Meeting	Prayer Meetings	S. SCHOOL SUPT'S.	Officers	Average No. Pupils	Baptized from S. S.
							Baptisms	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death							
1	Auburn	Lee	J. J. Cloud	W. B. Frazer	Auburn	1	8	12	.	6	2	2	....	Reg	Reg	W. B. Frazer	....	....	....
2	Concord	Lee	J. H. Wallace	R. W. Dixon	Motts	..	13	2	1	4	..	1	47	2	....	J. D. Green	5	20	4
3	Concord	Macon	S. R. Grimes	J. W. Gunn	Tuskegee	..	..	2	..	4	..	1	41	4	....	Robt. Jennings	4	15	..
4	County Line	Lee	J. H. Wallace	W. R. Adams	Salem	..	..	1	..	4	1	2	22	....	....	.....	....	....	..
5	Cubahatchee	Macon	G. S. Anderson	J. R. Simmons	Shorter	..	6	3	..	5	..	..	74	2	....	J. C. Pinkston	8	50	3
6	Elam	Macon	W. G. Gregory	G. A. Huguley	Auburn	..	..	2	..	3	4	1	52	1	....	.....	....	....	..
7	Elam	Tallapoosa	W. G. Gregory	G. B. Stearns	Thaddeus	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	72	4	....	M. E. Parker	7	30	1
8	LaPlace	Macon	G. S. Anderson	E. M. Swearengen	Calebee	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	27	1	Reg	C. C. Jordan	6	15	..
9	Liberty	Lee	J. R. Stodghill	R. B. Wright	Opelika	..	3	12	..	2	..	3	75	1	....	J. M. Tillery	..	....	..
10	Loachapoka	Lee	G. S. Anderson	J. L. Wise	Loachapoka	2	5	1	..	2	..	..	53	3	....	F. E. Haynie	6	15	
11	Notasulga	Macon	Geo. E. Brewer	A. M. Cameron	Notasulga	2	10	12	..	1	..	..	106	....	Reg	J. B. Barron	8	50	
12	Opelika	Lee	Z. D. Roby	R. L. Faucett	Opelika	3	4	5	1	4	1	3	197	Reg	Reg	E. Brewer	18	198	..
13	Pleasant Grove	Lee	F. T. Hudson	V. F. Striplen	Yale	..	4	2	..	3	2	2	60	2	Reg	B. T. Meadows	5	18	2
14	Pleasant Hill	Macon	J. B. Clements	A. J. Jackson	Tuskegee	1	..	1	..	5	1	..	18	3	....	.....	....	....	..
15	Providence	Lee	Dan'l Littleton	C. A. Killian	Opelika	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	38	1	....	.....	....	....	..
16	Rocky Mount	Lee	J. H. Wallace	J. E. Henderson	Beulah	..	4	3	..	7	2	..	55	....	....	.....	....	....	..
17	Salem	Lee	W. R. Whatley	T. E. Stringer	Salem	..	6	1	..	7	..	1	61	4	Reg	Dr. J. M. Love	8	36	..
18	Salem	Macon	W. G. Gregory	B. E. Burks	Gold Dust	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	50	3	....	.....	....	....	..
19	Shiloh	Russell	F. T. Hudson	J. L. Chadwick	Upland	..	17	8	8	3	2	1	74	4	Reg	.....	....	....	..
20	Society Hill	Macon	S. R. Grimes	A. H. Ruthertord	Society Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	....	....	.....	....	....	..
21	Tuskegee	Macon	S. J. Catts	G. C. Wright	Tuskegee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	....	....	..
22	Union Grove	Lee	J. R. Stodghill	A. M. Blalock	Chewacla	..	1	..	..	4	2	1	69	3	....	.....	....	....	..
						10	86	70	10	71	18	20	1205				75	447	19

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, composed of messengers chosen from the different churches constituting it, holding annual sessions at such times and places as it may select.

ART. 2. Believing that churches are independent religious bodies, owing allegience only to Christ, this Association claims no right to interfere authoratively with their internal concerns.

ART. 3. The Association shall elect from its membership, at each annual session, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and an Executive Committee, composed of five brethren, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside over the body, appoint all committees, unless otherwise instructed, and decide all points of order by the rules in Mell's Parliamentary Practice, subject to an appeal to the body.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall take charge of the money and general property of the Association: report in writing at each annual session, the condition of the finances, exhibiting vouchers for all sums paid out; he shall also provide himself with blank receipts, to be filled and handed to the delegates from the several churches respectively, who may bring up funds, and at the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor the property of the Association in hand.

ART. 7. The Advisory Committee may fill vacancies occurring in its membership, and shall, under the direction of the Association, manage its business during its adjournment.

ART. 8. At each session, committees of three shall be appointed to report, in writing, the following subjects: Preaching, Documents, Sunday-schools, Missions, Deceased Ministers, Education and Temperance.

ART. 9. Churches wishing to become members of this body, must petition by letter or messengers, and if found to be scriptural in doctrine and practice, be received to fellowship by vote of the Association, and welcomed by the Moderator.

ART. 10. Churches wishing to change their membership, may petition by letter or messenger, and, if in fellowship with the body, be dismissed in due form. Any infringement of the laws of this Association, or departure from the faith and practice of the Scriptures by a church, will be a cause of complaint against such church, and will subject it to the discipline of the body.

ART. 11. Messengers, before being enrolled as members, must present evidence of their appointment, giving also the number of the membership of their church, the number received during the past year by baptism, letter and restoration, the number dismissed, expelled and dead, with an account of all the money given to the support of the gospel and general benevolence, the condition of the Sunday-school, with statistics, prayer meetings and other good works engaged in by their churches.

ART. 12 Each church shall be entitled to two messengers; when the membership is fifty, to three, and one for every additional twenty-five, or fractional part thereof.

ART. 13. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 14. The Minutes of the Association must be read, approved and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under tde name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and every divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believe. that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ. according to the good pleasure of his grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.